GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:573
ANSWERED ON:15.05.2007
INCREASE IN SEATS IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS
Masood Shri Rasheed

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Government has formulated a scheme to increase the seats in the higher educational institutions receiving financial aid from the Union Government;and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH)

(a) & (b): A statement is laid on the Table of the House

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) & (b) OF THE LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO.573 DATED 15.5.2007 ASKED BY HON`BLE, MEMBER SHRI RASHEED MASOOD REGARDING INCREASE IN SEATS IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS.

(a) & (b): The Central Educational Institutions (Reservations in Admission) Act, 2006, provides for a mandatory increase of intake capacity by 54%, over and above the annual permitted strength, so that the number of seats in the unreserved category is not less than that for the academic session immediately preceding the elate of coming into force of the Act. The Act, however, provides that if for reasons of financial, physical or academic limitations or in order to maintain the standards of education, the annual permitted strength cannot be increased in one go for the academic session following the enactment of this Act, it could be staggered over a maximum period of three years with the approval of the competent authority. The Act, which came into force on the 4{ January, 2007 is under challenge before the Supreme Court of India and the Supreme Court vide its order dated 29th March, 2007 has kept on hold the application of Section 6 of the above Act in so far it relates to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) category.